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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS

1. BBC NEWS BROADCASTS DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE TO REPORTS THAT LOCKHEED HAS PAID LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS TO SECURE AIRCRAFT SALES. SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WERE PAYMENTS TO A DUTCH OFFICIAL-- ALLEGED TO BE PRINCE BERNHARD BY THE BBC.

2. DOES DEPT. KNOW WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA IS LIKELY TO BE MENTIONED AGAIN IN THE CURRENT SPATE OF LEAKS AND STATEMENTS? WE REALIZE THAT IF THERE ARE ANY REVELATIONS IT WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH SAG. HOWEVER, WE COULD EASE THE IMPACT SOMEWHAT BY GIVING THE SAG ADVANCE NOTICE.

3. AS THE DEPT IS AWARE, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CONTROLS CIVIL AS WELL AS MILITARY AVIATION. SAUDIA AIRLINES NOW HAS IN OPERATION 2 LOCKHEED L-1011 TRISTAR AND EXPECTS DELIVERY THIS YEAR OF 3 MORE TRISTARS. ALSO THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE OPERATES A FLEET OF 28 LOCKHEED C-130'S AND PLANS TO PURCHASE MORE.  
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